

WILLOWBROOK

Community Parks & Recreation Plan

ACCESS
WILLOWBROOK
PARKS

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The Willowbrook Community Parks and Recreation Plan provides a vision and road map for a greener Willowbrook, including a key focus on the revitalization of Earvin 'Magic' Johnson Park at the heart of the community and the development of a more extensive network of publicly-accessible pedestrian corridors, green spaces, and recreational facilities. The Plan includes recommendations for increasing access to parks and enhancing existing recreational facilities to meet community-identified needs. The Plan builds on previous planning efforts and includes specific implementation actions to be taken by the County to improve parks and recreation in the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF EXISTING PARKS

3.3 million
gallons of
stormwater
intercepted
annually

3,000
pounds of
reduced air
pollutants
annually

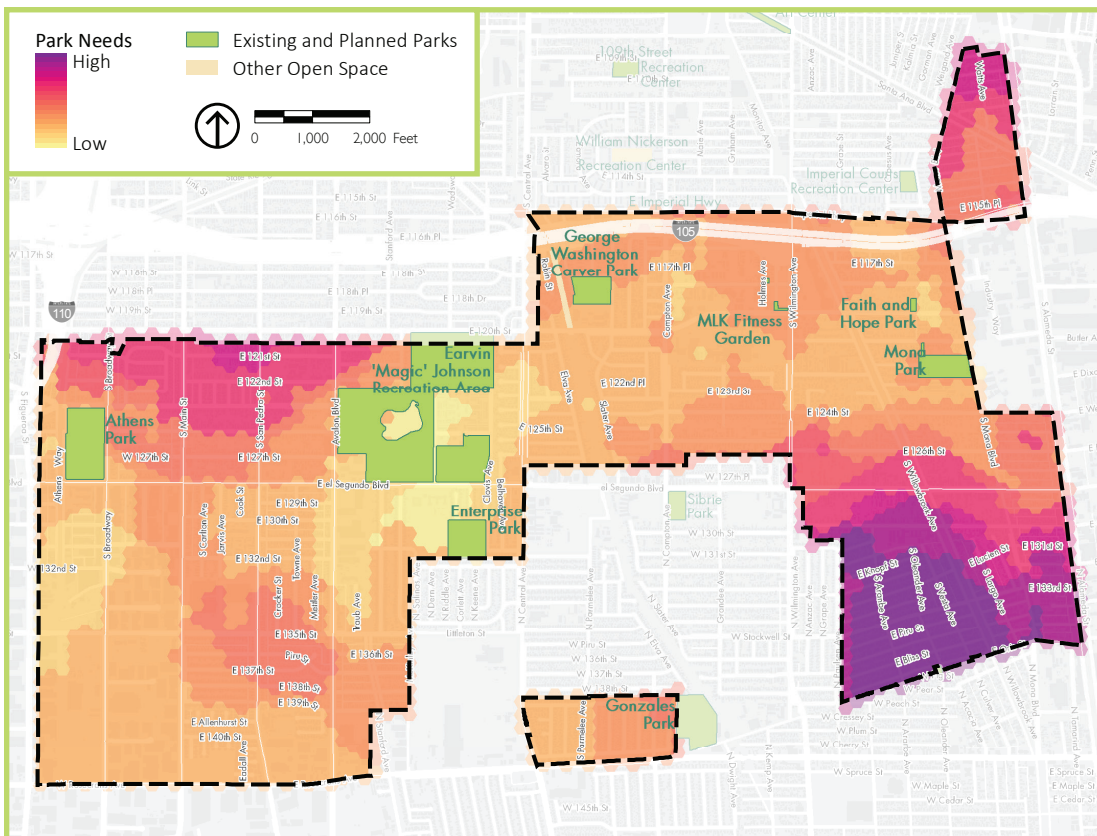
340,000
tons of CO₂
sequestered
annually

PARKS AND GREENING PROFILE

Willowbrook has seven parks, totalling 136 acres of parkland. However, 106 acres of those are comprised of two regional facilities, Earvin 'Magic' Johnson Recreation Area and Athens Park, which are designed to accommodate use by County residents up to 20 miles away. The other five parks in the community are intended to serve more local park needs. The Los Angeles County General Plan sets a standard of 4 acres of local parks per 1,000 residents. Willowbrook currently has a population of 34,138 residents and approximately 26 acres of local parkland, which translates to **0.7 acres of local parks per 1,000 residents**, a figure well below the General Plan standard.

Access to existing parkland in Willowbrook is not consistent throughout the community. **About 46 percent of the Willowbrook population is not within walking distance (1/2 mile) of a park.** Due to various socioeconomic conditions, including low incomes, low levels of car ownership, and high crime, as well as a challenging pedestrian and bicycle environment, Willowbrook is in high need of a community-based vision and master plan for parks and urban greening.

Where are Parks Most Needed in Willowbrook?



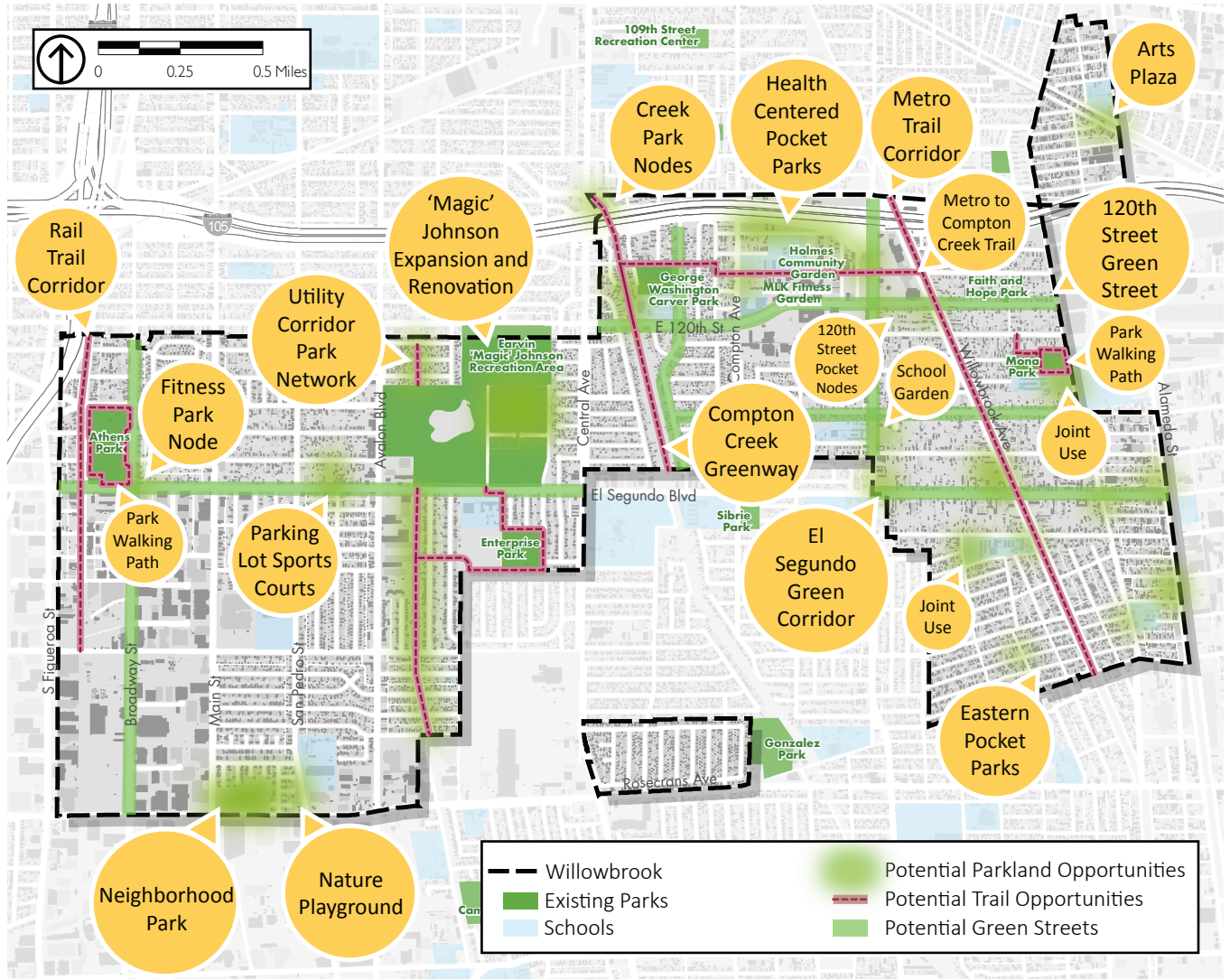
Community Bike Tour.



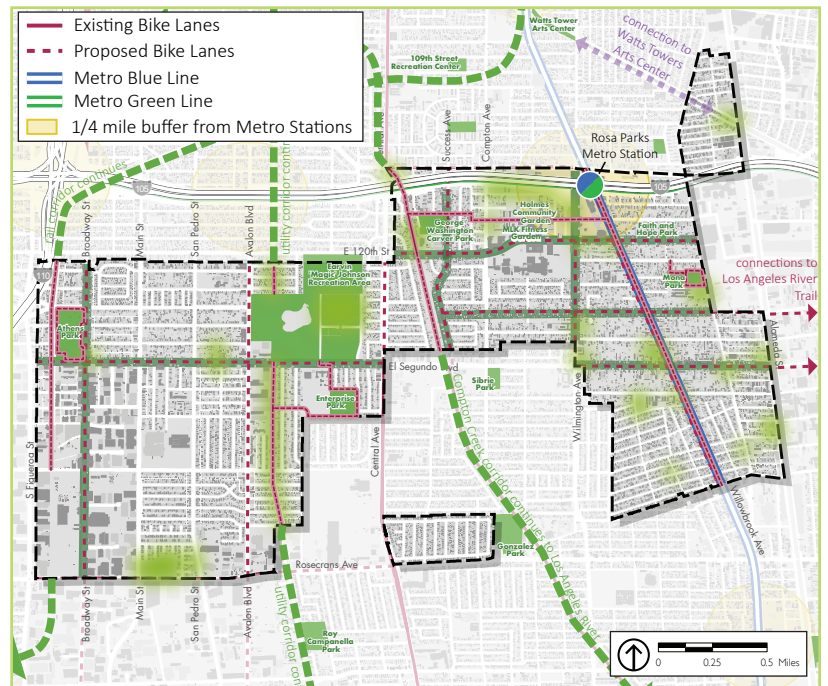
Priority Voting at Outreach Fair.

WILLOWBROOK GREEN VISION MAP

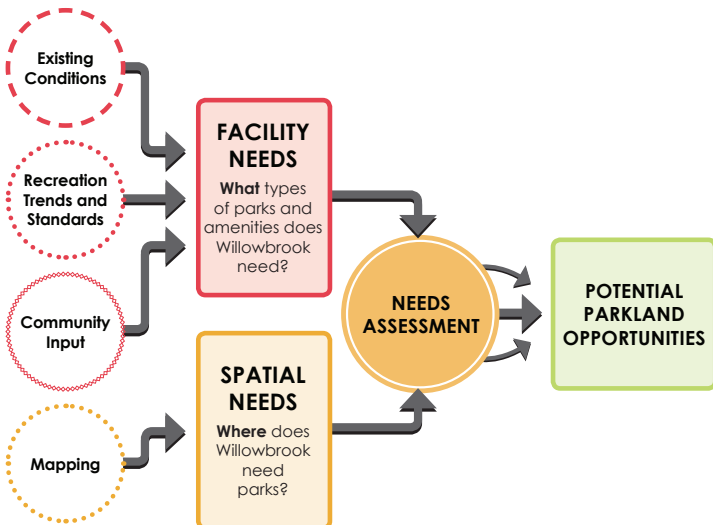
This map identifies potential park, trail, and greening projects that may be implemented in the short, medium, and/or long term to meet the needs of Willowbrook.



CURRENT AND FUTURE CONNECTIONS



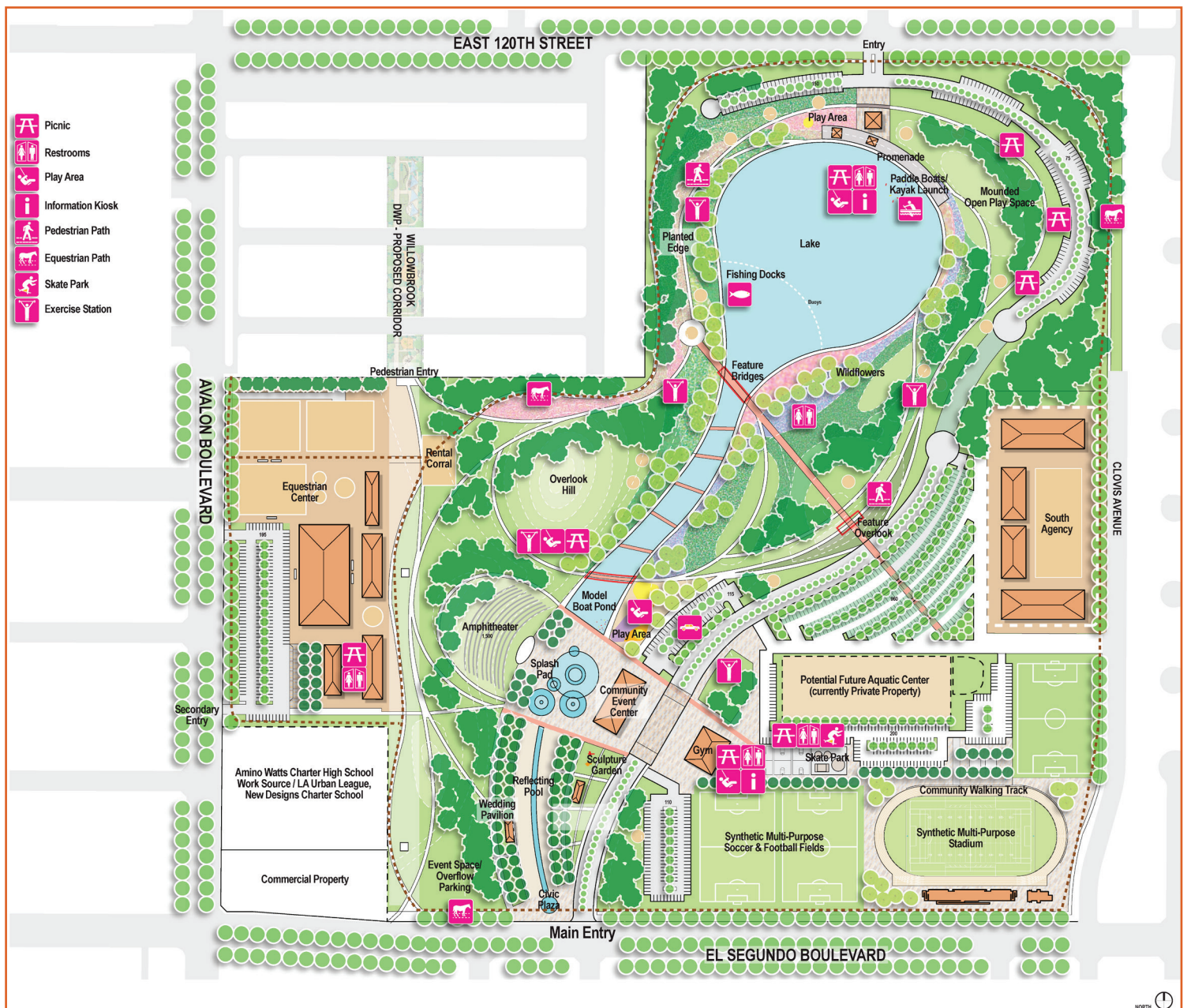
SITE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS



GOALS FOR WILLOWBROOK

1. Create a regional and local hub at Earvin 'Magic' Johnson Park.
2. Improve access to existing parkland system by creating safe corridors for pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians, and developing a greenway network.
3. Provide all residents with safe places to walk for exercise.
4. Ensure that recreational facilities and programs meet community needs and that residents are included in the decision-making process.
5. Improve actual and perceived safety of Willowbrook's parkland system.
6. Expand the recreational opportunities within Willowbrook's park system to incorporate more arts and cultural activities, as well as healthy food and lifestyle amenities.
7. Increase the sense of nature within the parkland system and in the everyday lives of Willowbrook residents.
8. Maintain and enhance Willowbrook's urban forest.
9. Focus on multi-benefit urban greening projects that optimize environmental services.

Proposed Master Plan for Earvin 'Magic' Johnson Recreation Area



A VISION FOR WILLOWBROOK'S WALKING PATHS AND TRAILS

Rail and Trail Corridors



Compton Creek Corridor



Utility Corridor



Sidewalk Trails



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